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SUBJECT: LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM -- LOGISTICS

1. AFTER REVIEWING WHAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED HERE FROM  
NATO TASK FORCE NUMBER 9 ON LOGISTICS, WE ARE CONCERNED  
THAT ALTHOUGH CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE  
THERE IS MUCH TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE SHORT TIME  
REMAINING BEFORE CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRAM BY THE  
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2. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT BY ITS NATURE THE NATO  
TASK FORCE EFFORT MUST INCLUDE A BROAD DEFINITIONAL  
APPROACH AS AN OPENING GAMBIT AND RECOGNIZE THAT THE  
TASK FORCE WILL PROBABLY NARROW THE FOCUS OF ITS  
PRODUCT TO THE FIVE KEY EMPHASES WE SUGGESTED PREVIOUSLY.

HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT WITHIN EACH OF THE FIVE AREAS THE NATO TASK FORCE WILL STILL ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN IS NECESSARY OR DOABLE AT THIS TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, IN APPROACHING THE QUESTION OF WAR RESERVE STOCKS WE RECOGNIZE THAT QUOTE POL AND MAJOR END ITEMS UNQUOTE MUST EVENTUALLY BE CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, AT THIS STAGE IN THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE THE FOCUS SHOULD BE SOLELY ON

ATTAINING AMMUNITION STOCKAGE LEVELS AND EVEN THEN ONLY CONSIDER A LIMITED NUMBER OF CALIBERS. AS THE PROGRAM DEVELOPS AFTER THE SUMMIT, WE CAN LATER ADD ON TO IT. ADDITIONALLY, CONSIDERING THE STATE OF TODAY'S AMMUNITION STOCKAGE LEVELS, WHILE POL DISTRIBUTION IS A CONCERN, POL STOCKAGE IS NOT THE MOST IMMEDIATE PROBLEM, IN THAT WE PROBABLY WOULD EXHAUST THE AMMUNITION BEFORE THE POL AND WE NEED NOT ADDRESS POL STOCKAGE IN DETAIL AT THIS TIME.

3. OUR REVIEW OF THE US INPUT FOR TASK FORCE NUMBER 9 INDICATES THAT A FINAL PRODUCT WILL BE READY FOR DISPATCH TO YOU ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 11, 1978.

4. THE US CONTRIBUTION WILL ADDRESS THE FIVE KEY EMPHASES OUTLINED IN PREVIOUS TRAFFIC AND WILL  
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FURTHER NARROW THE FOCUS TO SPECIFIC ELEMENTS WITHIN EACH OF THE FIVE AREAS. HOWEVER, IT MAY PROVE NECESSARY TO DROP THE THIRD KEY PROGRAM EMPHASIS ON QUOTE PHASED ATTAINMENT OF STOCKS TO THE LEVEL OF NATO AGREEMENTS...UNQUOTE TO A LOWER CATEGORY, OR ELSE NOT COST IT ON EXCUSE THAT IT IS ALREADY AGREED IN NATO. THE REAL REASON WOULD BE THAT IF WE COSTED A PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE EVEN AGREED INTERIM 30-DAY LEVEL TOTALS WITH FLANKS INCLUDED, IT MIGHT PROVE SO HIGH AS TO DILUTE ALL FOCUS ON THE NATO STOCKPILE PROPOSED AS SECOND KEY PROGRAM EMPHASIS. THEREFORE, WE MIGHT BETTER SUBSUME QUESTION OF 30-DAY LEVEL AS A PREREQUISITE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF SAID STOCKPILE. GIVE US YOUR VIEWS.

5. AS WILL BE EVIDENT UPON RECEIPT, THE US LOGISTICS INPUT IS PROGRAMMATIC AND INCLUDES COST ESTIMATES. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO THE TASK FORCE DIRECTOR, HOWEVER, THAT THE COSTS PROVIDED ARE BROAD ESTIMATES BASED ON INCOMPLETE DATA AND BEST AVAILABLE PLANNING FACTORS, AND WILL REQUIRE CLOSE SCRUTINY AND REFINEMENT BY ALL TASK FORCE PARTICIPANTS.

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